

Dates for the Autumn Term:

Friday 16th September ~ Choral Speaking assembly to celebrate the reign of Queen Elizabeth II Monday 19th September ~ School will be closed for the Bank Holiday for the Queen's Funeral. Wednesday 21st September ~ Parent Forum at 16:00-16:45 in our school hall.

Friday 14th October ~ Tree Day (wear Green)

Monday 17th October ~ Parents' Evening online appointments. (16:00-19:00)

Tuesday 18th October ~ Parents' Evening online appointments. (16:00-19:00)

Friday 21st October ~ PTFA Pumpkin Day (non-Uniform but no Halloween costumes.)

Friday 21st October ~ Break up for Half term two-week break.

Monday 7th November ~ Back at school.

Friday 2nd December ~ PTFA Christmas Market & Christmas Carols. Children can come in Christmas Jumpers

Week Beginning the 12th December ~ Christmas Productions

Friday 16th December ~ Break up for Christmas

This week:

We have enjoyed a fabulous week with clubs starting back up again. We try to offer a breadth of experiences for the children over the year. The Taekwondo club were able to demonstrate their skills in a whole school assembly this Tuesday. It was impressive to see how some of the members are developing.

We had a successful fire drill with all the children safely leaving the school building and following the rules.





The Gazette came to school this week to photograph our newest starters in Ducklings. They anticipate this will feature towards the end of October.

We have signed up for the School Lottery which has been created by our PTFA to help raise extra funds. To buy tickets please use the link below:

https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/carleton-green-cp-school

Our website is being worked on at the moment and aspects of our curriculum and policies are being updated. Your patience will be much appreciated.

Sporting Update:



In sports this week there has been quite a lot of sport, firstly on Monday the year 5/6 boys football team played their first game of the season against a school called Chaucer. They're a school from Fleetwood and the boys team won 6-1. While the boys team were playing the game, children who didn't make it in the team did training that same night from three forty five to half past four.

Just before the game we held a minute of silence to respect the late passing of her majesty the Queen Elizabeth the 2nd.





In other sports news this week, we have just started doing clubs like Dodgeball, running club and many more. On Tuesday we did dodgeball with Mrs Shepherd and Miss Clark. We started by doing regular dodgeball and then Doctor Dodgeball. In running club with Mrs McGrath we ran around the field. Judo will not take place on Monday due to the unexpected Bank Holiday. This missed session will take place when we return from October Half term holiday on the 7th November.

Sports Captains – Ava, Cohen, Sophia, Luke

Some of our pupils were fortunate enough to be able to travel to London at the weekend to pay tribute to Queen Elizabeth II. We have really enjoyed finding out about their experiences.



Thank you Mr McDougall for your help reinstating our boat at the front of the school. It will become a focal point for the children to carry out outdoor learning and will boast our Eco Green Flag award too.

Home/School Communication:

Our swimming sessions have started with Big Fish, Little Fish with the groupings being arranged by them based upon the abilities of our pupils. We would like to ensure that our communication with families about this is improved and have asked for an updated list ahead of the weekend so that we are able to send a text out to inform parents/carers if their





child is to swim on the following Monday. Our next swimming session will now be the 26th of September due to the Bank Holiday on the 19th of September.

Pre-COVID times we used to hold Parent Forum meetings every term. I would very much like to hold these again as I felt they were really useful in ensuring that the opinion of our parents/carers is considered with school improvement. We are to start these back up beginning with a short session next Wednesday at 16:00. In this first session I would like to discuss how we can improve our communication between school and home along with encouraging better parental engagement. We have sent a google form to gather ideas of topics you would like to be covered and these will be planned into next week and scheduled for future meetings. Both my Deputy, Mrs Clark, and I are enjoying being outside school most mornings. It is lovely to see the children skip into school along with speaking informally about school matters. I am proposing we hold our first Parent Forum on the 21st September 16:00-16:45 in our school hall. The times and days these will take place will vary over the year to enable parents to participate.

Online safety training for parents took place on the 5th September. Sadly only 13 parents engaged with this. Having a greater awareness of how to keep our children safe online is a very important part of safeguarding and I really hope that over this weekend more parents access the information using the link that has been sent out.

The internet, for all its glory and opportunities, does unfortunately feature threats and challenges. These might manifest as online abuse, bullying, threats, impersonation, grooming, harassment or exposure to offensive and/or violent content.





All of these are harms we have a duty to protect young people from – and we shouldn't underestimate its seriousness. If young people are exposed to – or perpetrate – these behaviours, they can be life-altering.

- A systematic, large-scale <u>review of academic research</u> found that victims of cyberbullying are more than twice as likely to self-harm or attempt suicide
- There have been high-profile news stories about online grooming and its devastating effects
- According to Ofcom, 45% of 12-15s who go online say they have seen something hateful about a group of people online in the last 12 months

We aren't in the business of scaremongering, but it would be disingenuous to say that the risks involved in a digital childhood are insignificant. Being aware of and practicing online safety is the only way to mitigate these risks. They will always be present, but teaching young people how to manage harmful situations and content will ensure they are best-placed to benefit from their time online, free from harm.

Creating an online space that is led by the principles of online safety requires all of us to step up – to both practice online safety and to challenge bad and harmful behaviours online.

Understanding the consequences of our actions as well as the tools that are available for reporting and helping are the first stepping stones in being an educated and respectful digital citizen.





Polite reminders:

The carpark at the front of the school is purely for the staff working at the school. We also request that you access school using any of the three paths and not enter the carpark.

Dogs really need to be kept to the edge of the playgrounds and on the lead with an adult.

We ask that the children stay off the play equipment and get off their scooters or bikes once inside the school grounds.

Writing Competition:

Every day the children spend time either in their classes or in the hall with the whole school to come together to reflect on things taking place in the world. I would very much like it if we had a school poem that the children could all learn that we could say each day that is appreciative of all that we have at Carleton Green along with aspects that make our school a special place to learn. I would like the children to have a go at writing this. The winner will have their poem written in the hall as well as learned and spoken each day by the whole school. All entries are to be handed into their class teachers by Friday 30th September.

Thank you for your continued support both within and beyond school. Susan McGrath, Headteacher. head@carletongreen.lancs.sch.uk

